

REMARKS

Applicants are amending claim 27 in order to provide consistency throughout all of the claims in reciting "semiconductor-mounting substrate portions". Compare the recitation of "plural semiconductor mounting substrate portions" in claim 27 as submitted in the Amendment filed June 29, 2006, with recitation of "semiconductor-mounting substrate portions" in claim 14, as well as in claim 28, for example.

Initially, it is respectfully requested that the present Amendment be entered. In this regard, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendments embody merely the correction of formal matters in claim 27 without changing the scope thereof, such that entry of the present amendments is clearly proper. Noting that claim 27 was first submitted in the above-identified application in the Amendment filed June 29, 2006, it is respectfully submitted that the present Amendment is Applicants' first opportunity to amend claim 27 after submission thereof and discovery of the inconsistency therein with respect to other claims in the application, so that this amendment of claim 27 could not be presented earlier. Clearly, claim 27 as presently amended is patentable for the same reasons that claim 27 was previously allowed, including allowability of its parent claim. Clearly, claim 27 as presently amended will not require an additional search or examination, with merely a formal matter (a grammatical error) being corrected. As stated previously, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendment of claim 27 is necessary in order to provide consistency in the claims in reciting "plural semiconductor-mounting substrate portions".

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that entry of the present amendments to claim 27 is clearly proper under 37 CFR 1.312. Accordingly,

entry of the presently amended claim 27, with subsequent issuance of a U.S. patent based upon the above-identified application in due course, is respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 648.43481VC5), and credit any excess payment of fees to such Deposit Account.

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